

President's Message



Happy Holidays to our UC Santa Cruz Women's Club members, and friends!

Welcome to the 2018-19 year. As the Club's board agreed last year to send two Newsletters a year, I am writing this President's message in the midst of the holiday season. This is the time of year I am mindful of the things I am most grateful for – being able to live in such a beautiful place, close to my most precious loved ones (and arguably the most gorgeous granddaughters anywhere), to live among a community of civic and socially minded people, and enjoy the great abundance of opportunities afforded us by being affiliated with the University.

We are already off to a wonderful start this year with continued company of friendships, shared interests, and service among university and community women.

I hope everyone had a chance to attend our first meeting of the new year, the annual **Fall Gathering**, in October. We got to catch up with friends, meet continuing and new members, and learn more about and perhaps join one or more of our numerous interest groups, one of the most popular reasons people join our club. If you couldn't come, you can learn more about our groups on our [website](#) and elsewhere in this

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newsletter- we must have something of interest for everyone. And if you have an idea for a group you don't see in that list, start one! Connect with Amber Burke, our Interest Group Coordinator, if you have an idea.

Our members and guests continue to enjoy attending our monthly meetings where we are treated to talks on a wide range of topics by current and emeriti UCSC faculty as well as community leaders. In November, enjoyed a fascinating talk "Building a 21st-Century Teaching and Learning Center at UCSC" by Jody Green, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning; Director, Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning; and Professor of Literature. Our February 6 speaker is Carrie Partch, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, who will talk on "Morning Larks and Night Owls: How Circadian Timing Influences Your Life". First Vice-Presidents Corinne Miller and Virginia Rivera have worked on putting a slate of programs together for the rest of the year. Check [here](#) for a list of all our upcoming programs.

One of our clubs' primary goals is awarding scholarships for UCSC re-entry students. We are developing new ways of raising scholarship funds, and if you have ideas or experience with fundraising our Fundraising Coordinator, Cindy Miller, welcomes your input.

At our November meeting I was heartened to see so many club members who are from the Santa Cruz community, as it was one of the initial goals I set forth when I became President. Besides making good progress on that goal I also hope to increase our intergenerational membership base by attracting younger campus affiliates,

as well as bring new perspectives to our Board. Last year we hosted an informational meet and greet for campus employees at the Scotts Valley Center, and we plan to host another one on the main campus this year. We are eager to make our club attractive and relevant to the next generation of members.

Finally, I'm honored and excited to begin my second (and final) term as President of this wonderful club. I look forward to working with all of you on continuing our good work and creating new connections among women at the University and in the community.

My very warmest wishes for a peaceful holiday season, and a fun and productive year with the UCSC Women's Club.

Claudia Parrish, President



New Member Welcome

In October, new members were welcomed to the Club by board members, above, in a lovely event at Rusty Bowman's home. Participants shared refreshments while they got to know one another and the new members learned about the Club.

Mark Your Calendar

...for Shadowbrook Community Night

This year, we will participate in Community Night at Shadowbrook Restaurant in February, a change from the November or December dates of the past.

Consider this occasion for a special Valentine's Day celebration with friends, perhaps from an interest group, with other members and spouses, with family members, or with friends who are not affiliated with our club. Go for a festive meal, have drinks and hors d'oeuvres, or enjoy dessert.

Be sure to make reservations for the dining room. Each table should be reserved under a different name to avoid confusion. Mention the UCSC Women's Club when you make the reservation and again to your server on the evening of the event.

One-third of the evening's food and beverage sales is returned to our club if the server knows you're with the UCSC Women's Club (see exceptions on the UCSC Women's Club website). Shadowbrook's lounge is open from 4:00 - 8:30 pm; the dining room from 5:00 - 8:30 pm.

Save the date:

**Tuesday,
February 19, 2019!**



...and the Intercampus Gathering 2019

Each year one of the northern University of California campus Women's Clubs hosts a visit from their sister organizations for the Intercampus Gathering. In 2019, it's the UCSC Women's Club's turn!

We are currently in the planning process of the location, program, activities, and food. We hope you will join the Gathering to share our beautiful campus and meet those from our sister campuses. And consider introducing a friend to the joys of the campus and the club.

Save the date:

**Thursday,
March 28, 2019!**

Scholarships



2018 Scholarship Recipients, L to R: May Roberts, Shirene Misif, Brendan Chapman, Laura Mijangos, Oscar Fernandez-Cazares, Holly Acicon

The 2018 May scholarship luncheon was held on a beautiful spring day at Michael's on Main. The guests enjoyed a lovely lunch with wonderful camaraderie, and they were wowed by the scholarship recipients who joined us and gave thanks for their awards. As always, it was enlightening to learn about the students' backgrounds, motivations for education, and long-term goals.

With this year's awards, the Women's Club has awarded 424 scholarships for a total of \$328,267 in the past 40 years. Scholarship monies given to students come from two sources: money raised directly to be awarded for scholarships and money that is interest income from our endowment. You may donate to either or both!

If you didn't have an opportunity to join us, or you'd simply like to be reminded of the significance of your donations, please go to <https://womensclub.ucsc.edu/scholarships/recipients/recipients-20172018.html> and read about this year's recipients.

Fundraising Update

Our scholarships are awarded because **you** made it possible by your donations to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund, the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarship Endowment on Giving Day or throughout the year as well as your participation in Community Night at the Shadowbrook or the Human Race.

As in 2017, we awarded \$35,000 in scholarships in spring 2018. We rely on the generosity of your donor generosity. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation before the end of the current tax year, it is easy to do so on our website, womensclub.ucsc.edu, or write a check addressed to UCSC Foundation, and indicate whether you wish the funds to be deposited to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund (immediate use) or the Rita Olsen Pister Scholarship Endowment (investment for continuing use). The University will send you a receipt for tax purposes. On behalf of our scholarship recipients, thank you for your support!



January Meeting

The January 9, 2019 Women's Club general meeting features [Dr. Gail Hershatter](#), Distinguished Professor of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a former President of the Association for Asian Studies.

Her works include *The Workers of Tianjin* (1986, Chinese translation 2016), *Personal Voices: China Women in the 1980s* (1988, with Emily Honig), *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution in Twentieth-Century Shanghai* (1997, Chinese translation 2003), *Women in China's Long Twentieth Century* (2004), *The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past* (2011; Chinese translation 2017) and *Women and China's Revolutions* (2019).

The topic of her January 9 presentation is "Stubborn Silences: Writing the History of Chinese Women."



Dr. Gail Hershatter

Mahjongg Interest Group



Pictured standing L to R are Susie Bower, Marcie Dekking, Lupe Allen, Diane Haas, Carolyn Christopherson, Corinne Wipke. Seated L to R are Helen McKibben and Joan Zimmerman.

Joan Zimmerman, one of the newest players in the Mah Jongg interest group, shows off her winning hand. The group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. to play the Chinese version of Mah Jongg.

During the summer, play is poolside, and when weather turns cool, they play their favorite game in members' homes. New players are welcome.



Chancellor Blumenthal Plans to Retire

Chancellor George Blumenthal has announced his plan to retire at the end of the current academic year. At that time, he will have served as the university's 10th chancellor for 13 years. His tenure began at a critical moment for the university, shortly after the death of then Chancellor Denise Denton.

His strong leadership brought the campus back to a focus on education and research. He collaborated with the mayor of Santa Cruz to resolve several lawsuits against the university. He and his wife, Professor Kelly Weisberg, have been supportive of a number of campus programs. A national search for his successor has begun.

Chancellor's Open House Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

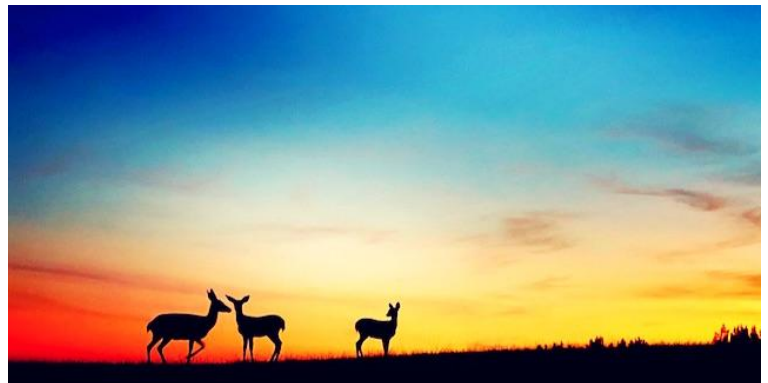
3-6 pm, Porter Dining Hall, on the UCSC campus

RSVP: connect.ucsc.edu/holidayparty

Chancellor and his wife invite you to join them for a special holiday gathering to reflect, give thanks, and celebrate accomplishments.

Complimentary parking will be available in the Performing Arts Parking Lot 126.

Continuous shuttle service to Porter Dining Hall will be available from 2:45-6:30 pm.



**UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB
2018-19 BOARD MEMBERS**

Officers

President - Claudia Parrish
Co-1st Vice President - Corinne Miller, Virginia Rivera
2nd Vice President - Sally Gaynor
Secretary/Sunshine - Clare-Marie Karat
Data/Communication/Membership - Clea Hermanson
Treasurer - Lesa Stollenwerk

Coordinators

Food - Jan Corriden, Ilene Wilson (Assistant)
Fundraising - Cindy Miller
Interest Groups - Amber Burke
Publicity - Colleen Page
Scholarship - Gloria Williams (lead), Cynthia Schuette (understudy)
Newsletter - Sally Lester
Website - Hazel Powell, Sally Lester (apprentice)

Members-at-Large

Jo Barbier (Gifted Flowers)
Andrea Cohen (Floater)
Laurie Salatich (Floater)
Bonita Sebastian (Floater)
Sara Radoff – (STARS Representative)

Staff Liaison

Kathy Rouhier

Chancellor's Associate

Kelly Weisberg



Mission Statement

The UCSC Women's Club is open to all women of the campus and town communities. Its purpose is to be of service to the University, to foster friendship between town and gown, and to encourage understanding and support for the mission and functions of the University. A special goal of the club is to raise money for scholarships for UCSC re-entry students.

UCSC WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS 2018/2019

womensclub.ucsc.edu

INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR

Amber Burke

aburke1@ucsc.edu

BON APPETIT – A gourmet cooking group

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

CLOSED to New Members - Waiting List Available

BOOK CLUB 2

3rd Thursday, 1:00 pm

Alberta Nidever: 688-8931

CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 3 (BBBs)

2nd Wednesday, Noon

Cynthia Noble-Vesecky: cynoble@yahoo.com

CLOSED to New Members

BOOK CLUB 4 (Happy Bookers)

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Eleanor Southers: southers@verizon.net

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BOOK CLUB 5

3rd Monday 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Mary Jane Chambers: mjchmbrs@sbcglobal.net

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

BRIDGE CLUB

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

CRAFTING CLAN

Crafting for Women's Club monthly Luncheons

3rd or 4th Thursday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sharon Cooper: coop2612@sbcglobal.net

Marge Gregory: gregoryaptos@att.net

ENGLISH IN ACTION

Student Meeting Times To Be Arranged

Karin Grobe: kgrobe@wormdoctor.org

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

EXCURSIONS CLUB

Monthly Outings chosen by members

Clare-Marie Karat: cmkarat@gmail.com

FIAT MUSICA CHORAL GROUP

Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Michele Kibrick: kibrick@cruzio.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Meeting Time to be announced

Jane McKenzie: jmckenzie@protectedinvestors.com

Virginia Rivera, Liaison to UCSC: vvrivera@ucsc.edu

GARDEN CLUB 1

2nd Monday, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Cherry Thompson: cherrythompson@gmail.com

Liaison: Trician Comings: triciansc@mindspring.com

CLOSED to New Members

HIKING CLUB

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am

Laurie Salatich: lsalatich@gmail.com

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Weekly Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Lessons 1st & 4th Mondays 6:30 with game to follow

Irma Andrews: irma_andrews@hotmail.com

Evelyn Prichard: admin@evelynprichard.com

LUNCH BUNCH 1

3rd Friday, 11:30

Alice Rink: alicerink@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH 2

1st Friday, 11:30

Toni Wagner: tmwagner3@gmail.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 1

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Hazel Powell: hpowellb40@aol.com

MAH JONGG CLUB 2

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12:30 pm

Dorothy Carroll: doneto@sbcglobal.net

CLOSED to new Members

SEW 'N' SEWS

Every Wednesday, 10:00 am

Jo Barbier escalonajo1@gmail.com

CLOSED to New Members

TRAVEL CLUB

Last Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu

CLOSED to New Members - Waiting List Available

UCSC EVENTS

Monthly Outings: Campus Events chosen by members

Kerrie McCaffrey: kerrie@cruzio.com

NEW MEMBERS & COORDINATOR WANTED

VOLUNTEERS IN MOTION (VIM)

Promotes children's well-being, coordinating efforts with

Jacob's Heart and CaSA

4th Monday

Corinne Miller: corky@ucsc.edu

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

WESTSIDE LUNCH CLUB

2nd Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm

Rusty Bowman: ebowman@ucsc.edu